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1-38. (canceled)

39. (Currently amended) A method of operating a self-service terminal having a number of peripheral devices and a terminal application which controls the peripheral devices, the method comprising the steps of:

presenting to a self-service terminal user an option of accessing a remote third party application to obtain a service from the third party application while the user is at the self-service terminal;

receiving a request from the third party application to use one of the peripheral devices of the self-service terminal in response to the user accessing the third party application to obtain the service from the third party application;

using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted; and if so

activating the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application when the request from the third party application to use the peripheral device is granted, and thereby to allow the user to obtain the service via

the peripheral device.

40. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 39, further comprising the step of:

monitoring terminal usage during operation of the third party application to ensure that the user is still present.

41. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 39, further comprising the step of:

sending a response to the third party application to indicate the status of the request received from the third party application.

42. (Currently amended) A self-service terminal comprising:

a one or more peripheral devices;
a terminal application which controls the peripheral devices; and
a controller for

(i) receiving a request from a remote third party application to use ~~the~~ a selected peripheral device in response to the user accessing the third party application to

obtain a service from the third party application while the user is at the self-service terminal,

(ii) using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted, and if so

(iii) activating the selected peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application at any time.

43. (Previously presented) The self-service terminal according to claim 42, wherein the peripheral device includes a user input device.

44. (Previously presented) The self-service terminal according to claim 42, wherein the peripheral device includes a display device.

45. (Currently amended) A self-service terminal comprising:

a cash dispenser for dispensing cash to a self-

service terminal user conducting a self-service cash dispensing transaction;

a peripheral device for presenting information to the user;

a memory storing a terminal application which controls the peripheral device; and

a processor for

(i) receiving a request from a remote third party application which is different from the terminal application to use the peripheral device to present third party information to the user,

(ii) determining if the request from the third party application should be fulfilled, and if so

(iii) using the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application at any time to present the user with the third party information and thereby to fulfill the request.

46. (Previously presented) The self-service terminal

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according to claim 45, wherein the peripheral device includes a user input device.

47. (Previously presented) The self-service terminal according to claim 45, wherein the peripheral device includes a display device.